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TAGS: ENRG, AG

SUBJ: REPLACEMENT COMPANY FOR LNG-1

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1. SELECTION OF REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO RESUME WORK ON GAS LIQUEFACTION PLANT AT ARZEW TAKING LONGER THAN ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED. DESPITE JANUARY 5 TARGET DATE FOR FINAL CHOICE, SONATRACH HAS ONLY SUCCEEDED SO FAR IN NARROWING FIELD TO FOUR US FIRMS. THIRD ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH EACH OF THESE FIRMS BEGAN JANUARY 13. ACCORDING TO JOSEPH WILSON, SONATRACH'S US CONSULTANT, SONATRACH IS NEGOTIATING SEPARATE CONTRACTS WITH EACH OF FOUR. AT CONCLUSION OF PROCESS, SONATRACH WILL CHOOSE CONTRACT MOST TO ITS LIKING.

2. NAMES OF FOUR FIRMS STILL IN RUNNING UNKNOWN FOR SURE. WILSON CONFINED HIS COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT TO NOTING THAT FIRMS WITH "HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH ALGERIA WERE BEING FAVORED, SUGGESTING BECHTEL AND PROCON INCLUDED. WILSON DID ADD THAT BECHTEL HAD INITIALLY

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BEEN RELUCTANT TO CONSIDER TAKING ON LNG-1 CONTRACT, MUCH

TO UNHAPPINESS OF SONATRACH. FOLLOWING AGREEMENT  
BY CHEMICO TO COOPERATE (REFTEL) BECHTEL HAD CHANGED  
ITS POLICY AND BECOME SERIOUS COMPETITOR. LOCAL  
REPRESENTATIVE OF EL-PASO GAS ALSO TOLD AMCONSUL ORAN  
THAT HE BELIEVED SONATRACH FAVORED BECHTEL.

3. CURRENT TARGET DATE FOR DECISION IS END OF JANUARY.  
IN MEANTIME, SOME WORK ON SITE IS PROCEEDING UNDER  
SUPERVISION OF TEMPORARY CREW OF ENGINEERS FROM PROCON.  
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